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. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS AND COMMENTARY PREPARED EACH DAY BY U.S. MISSION BERLIN. IT INCLUDES REPORTS FROM NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN WEST BERLIN AND FROM THE MAJOR EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS. MISSION BERLIN TRANSMITS THIS SUMMARY FOR THE SPECIAL USE OF EMBASSY BONN AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN ON A DAILY BASIS. IT IS NOT PART OF THE DAILY MEDIA REPORT SERIES WHICH IS PRODUCED BY EMBASSY BONN FOR ALL OF WEST GERMANY, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN.

REVIEW - WEST PRESS

. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STATEMENT IN A DPA NEWS AGENCY INTERVIEW ON BERLIN IN VIEW OF HIS EUROPEAN TRIP (BERLINER MORGENPOST, DIE WELT, VOLKSBLATT); PROPOSALS
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ON CHANGES IN THE FRG FEDERAL POSTAL SERVICE (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); AND INDICATIONS THAT MATHIAS RUST, THE WEST GERMAN PILOT WHO LANDED IN MOSCOW'S RED SQUARE, WILL STAND TRIAL (BILDZEITUNG) MAKE HEADLINES TODAY IN

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WEST BERLIN'S PAPERS.

. OTHER FRONTPAGE STORIES INCLUDE A SLIGHT DECREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN WEST GERMANY (MOST PAPERS); BONN'S APPROVAL OF 4.8 BILLION D-MARKS IN SUPPORT OF THE EUROPEAN "AIRBUS" INDUSTRIES (MOST PAPERS); DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE HAGUE AGAINST GDR LEADER HONECKER WHO IS VISITING HOLLAND (DIE WELT); U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET KGB FAKED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SIGNATURE IN AT LEAST THREE CASES (BERLINER MORGENPOST); CHANCELLOR KOHL'S STATEMENT REFERRING TO THE GREENS AS 'FASCISTS' IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR ACTION AGAINST THE NATIONAL CENSUS TAKING (BERLINER MORGENPOST); AND JAPAN'S 30 BILLION DOLLAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING NATIONS (BERLINER MORGENPOST).

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF:

. "REAGAN: WE WANT THE WALL TO COME DOWN" (BERLINER MORGENPOST, DIE WELT, VOLKSBLATT, BILDZEITUNG), AND "REAGAN URGES CLOSER COORDINATION WITH THE ALLIES IN BERLIN POLITICS" (DER TAGESSPIEGEL) ARE HEADLINES OF FRONTPAGE STORIES REVIEWING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INTERVIEW WITH WEST GERMANY'S DPA NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY. GIVEN GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN'S RECENT WEST-EAST INITIATIVES, THE PRESIDENT SAID: "WE WELCOME NOT ONLY CLOSE CONTACTS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN BUT ALSO THE REMOVAL OF ALL BARRIERS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF THE CITY. IN BRIEF:
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WE WANT THE WALL TO COME DOWN SO THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF THE FOUR SECTORS OF THE CITY BECOMES A REALITY..."

. THE PRESIDENT AT THE SAME TIME ALSO UNDERSCORED THAT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CITY IS VITAL TO THE FREEDOM OF THE WESTERN SECTORS. "VISITS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT UNDERMINING THE STATUS ARE WELCOME. HOWEVER, CAUTION AND CLOSE CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN, BONN AND THE THREE PROTECTIVE POWERS ARE CLEARLY DECISIVE," HE SAID.

. REAGAN ALSO ACCUSED THE GDR OF "PROVOCATIVELY DISREGARDING THE STATUS AND STABILITY OF BERLIN LAST YEAR." HE SAID THE EAST GERMANS HAD TRIED TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREEDOM OF DIPLOMATS AND TO MISUSE

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CSCE AGREEMENTS TO UNDERMINE BERLIN'S STATUS (ALSO BZ, PG 2).

. INTERIOR SENATOR KEWENIG IN VIEW OF THE PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT TO BERLIN YESTERDAY SAID "ANTI-DEMOCRATS" WILL TRY TO DISRUPT THE REAGAN VISIT. HE REFERRED TO PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS BY SPD WORKING GROUPS AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS AS "IRRESPONSIBLE AND DETRIMENTAL TO THE IMAGE OF BERLIN" (BERLINER MORGENPOST, VOLKSBLATT).

. "BEFORE THE REAGAN-VISIT - ALARM| 4,000 POLIT-ROCKERS COMING TO BERLIN" IS THE TITLE OF A BILDZEITUNG STORY (PG 4) SAYING THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF SO-CALLED PROFESSIONEL RIOTERS WILL INFILTRATE INTO BERLIN NEXT WEEK WHERE THEY WANT TO STAGE A "DRUMFIRE."

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. THE FRG BUNDESTAG BUDGET COMMITEE YESTERDAY APPROVED THE ALLOTMENT OF EIGHT MILLION D-MARKS FOR THE CREATION OF A RIAS TV STATION IN BERLIN. BERLIN SPD BUNDESTAG PARLIAMENTARIAN HEIMANN CRITICIZED THE DECISION SAYING THAT THE TERRESTRIAL FREQUENCY (CHANNEL 25) WILL HARDLY PROVIDE PROPAGATION TO THE GDR. HE SAID THAT RIAS TV WILL THUS REMAIN A CITY TV STATION, ONLY COMPETING WITH BERLIN'S LOCAL SFB TV. HE SAID THAT THIS MIGHT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE QUALITY OF BROADCASTS (MOST PAPERS).

. ASKED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH BILDZEITUNG WHETHER THE QUESTION OF GERMAN REUNIFICATION COULD BE CONNECTED TO DISARMAMENT TALKS, U.S. AMBASSADOR BURT SAID: "NO. WE SHOULD NOT LINK PROGRESS IN ARMS CONTROL TO OTHER ISSUES." HE ALSO SAID THE DIVISION OF GERMANY AND EUROPE IS A CAUSE FOR THE ARMS RACE.
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. GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN, WHO YESTERDAY SPENT SEVERAL HOURS ATTENDING EVENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES FESTIVAL, UNDERSCORED THAT ESPECIALLY AS CONCERNS HUMAN CONTACTS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, ATHLETICS EVENTS CAN FULFILL AN IMPORTANT TASK (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

. FORMER INTERIOR SENATOR LUMMER IN BONN HAS CALLED FOR DISCONTINUING THE FRG PRACTICE OF RANSOMING POLITICAL PRISONERS FROM THE GDR. HE REFERRED TO THIS PRACTICE AS "SLAVE TRADE," AND SAID THE GDR SHOULD NOT EXPOSE ITSELF TO CRITICISM BY ASKING MONEY FOR EXIT VISAS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

. BERLIN SPD LEADER MOMPER IN VIEW OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL PLAN FOR EUROPE, SAID THAT THIS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS PART OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. HE CALLED FOR A NEW MARSHALL PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS (DER

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TAGESSPIEGEL).

. "THE INITIATIVE TOWARD EUROPEAN UNIFICATION CAME FROM AMERICA" IS THE TITLE OF A LENGTHY DER TAGESSPIEGEL REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF THE MARSHALL PLAN.

. TO MARK THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON BERLIN, GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN YESTERDAY SAID IT HAS PROVEN ITS WORTH AS A "DOCUMENT OF ADOTPING TO OPPOSING VIEWS AND INTENTIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST" (BERLINER MORGENPOST).

. "AMERICA GREATS BERLIN" IS THE MOTTO UNDER WHICH THE GERMAN-AMERICAN VOLKSFEST WILL TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR.
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YOUTH SENATOR SCHMALZ-JACOBSEN AND U.S. CITY COMMANDANT JOHN MITCHELL YESTERDAY IN A CEREMONY OPENED THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM JULY 29 TO AUGUST 16 (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL).

. "BEAUTIFUL 'CORNFLOWER QUEEN' FROM NEW YORK VISITING GERMANY" IS THE TITLE OF A BERLINER MORGENPOST REPORT ON THE VISIT OF "MISS GERMANY-AMERICA" TO SCHOENEBERG CITY HALL YESTERDAY. THE CORNFLOWER IS SEEN BY MANY AMERICANS AS SOMETHING TYPICALLY GERMAN.

. "CONCERT FOR BERLIN" IS THE MOTTO UNDER WHICH POPULAR SINGERS AND BANDS WILL STAGE PERFORMANCES IN FRONT OF THE REICHSTAG THIS WEEKEND. THE SOUND WILL CARRY INTO IN EAST BERLIN. 80,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SHOWS. DAVID BOWIE WILL OPEN THE EVENT ON SATURDAY. "GENISIS," PAUL YOUNG, PETER FRAMPTON, AS WELL AS THE "EURYTHMICS" AND "BRUCE HORNSBY AND THE RANGE" WILL BE AMONG THE PERFORMERS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL).

REVIEW - EAST PRESS

. ALL EAST BERLIN DAILIES DEVOTE THEIR ENTIRE FRONTPAGES TO GDR PARTY AND STATE CHIEF ERICH HONECKER'S ARRIVAL IN THE HAGUE FOR THREE DAYS OF TALKS WITH NETHERLANDS PREMIER RUUD LUBBERS, FOCUSING ON THE CHANCE FOR EXTENSIVE EAST-WEST DISARMAMENT. HONECKER ALSO MET WITH THE CHAIRMEN OF BOTH HOUSES OF THE NETHERLANDS PARLIAMENT AND LAID A WREATH FOR THE VICTIMS OF WW II.

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. AT A DINNER, RUUD LUBBERS RECALLED THE HISTORIC

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RELATIONS BETWEEN CITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS AND THOSE WHICH NOW BELONG TO THE GDR. "REGARDLESS OF WHETHER GERMANY WAS DIVIDED OR UNITED, ITS CULTURAL INFLUENCE HAD AN IMPACT EVEN IN THE NETHERLANDS," LUBBERS SAID, HE ALSO CITED NAMES OF GDR CITIES WHICH WERE THE LOCATION OF PRISON CAMPS DURING THE NAZI ERA. AS FOR CURRENT

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POLICY GOALS, LUBBERS STRESSED: "THE DIVISION OF EUROPE REMAINS UNNATURAL.... WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, DIRECT HUMAN CONTACTS, THE RIGHT OF FREE EXPRESSION, AND THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL FREELY FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER." -- HONECKER UNDERSCORED PERSONAL MEMORIES FROM THE TIMES WHEN HE WAS AN ANTI-FASCIST FIGHTER IN THE NETHERLANDS (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG FULL TEXT OF TOASTS).

OTHER EAST BERLIN NEWS:
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. GDR SECURITY AUTHORITIES ARRESTED FRG CITIZEN CLAUS W. ON JUNE 2 ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE FOR THE FRG (MOST EAST PAPERS; AND WEST PRESS).

. A DELEGATION OF THE AMERICAN ASPEN INSTITUTE, HEADED BY DIRECTOR SHEPARD STONE, HAD A DISCUSSION IN (EAST) BERLIN WITH GDR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KURT NIER. NIER INFORMED THE AMERICAN GUESTS ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT WARSAW PACT SUMMIT IN THE CITY AND EMPHASIZED THE TWO GERMAN STATES' INTEREST IN REMOVING INF'S FROM EUROPE. THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON BOTH SIDES THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUITABLE U.S.-GDR RELATIONS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO CONSOLIDATING PEACE AND SECURITY (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND; AND WEST PRESS).

. AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE, FRG SAARLAND STATE PREMIER OSKAR LAFONTAINE AND SED POLITBURO MEMBER JOACHIM HERRMANN EXPLAINED THE ACCORDS WHICH THEY REACHED REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAARLAND-GDR COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH CARE (AIDS RESEARCH), TRADE, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, YOUTH EXCHANGE, AND INTENSIFIED TRAVEL IN SAARBRUECKEN ON WEDNESDAY (ALL EAST PAPERS; AND WEST PRESS).

. A DELEGATION OF THE FRG RHINE-HUNSRUECK SPD HEADED BY ITS CHAIRMAN NORBERT NEUSER, ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO THE GDR DISTRICT OF LUCKENWALDE, REPORTED ABOUT "PEACE ACTIVITIES" IN THE FRG LAND OF RHINELAND-PALATINATE (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, NATIONAL ZEITUNG).

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PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE DIVISION OF GERMANY

. THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST IN A PAGE-TWO COMMENTARY SAYS: "U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN YESTERDAY IMPRESSIVELY RECONFIRMED THAT ENDING THE DIVISION OF EUROPE AND BERLIN IS ONE OF THE IMMEDIATES OBJECTIVES OF AMERICAN POLITICS. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, HE MADE CLEAR THAT BERLIN POLITICIANS MUST OBSERVE TIGHT RESTRICTIONS IF THEY WANT TO TRY SINGLE-HANDED ACTION IN THE SLIPPERY AREA OF BERLIN POLITICS. UTMOST CAUTION IS CALLED FOR AND CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN BERLIN, BONN AND THE ALLIES, EVEN REGARDING THE SLIGHEST MOVE, ARE NECESSARY.

. "ON THE OTHER HAND, REAGAN ALSO MADE CLEAR WHO HE CONSIDERS TO BE THE GREATEST DISTURBING FACTOR IN CENTRAL EUROPE: ERICH HONECKER. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT CRITICIZED HIS 'CONTINUING PROVOCATIVE DISREGARD FOR THE STATUS AND STABILITY OF BERLIN,' A FACT WHICH MANY WEST GERMAN POLITICIANS, WHO GO DOOR-KNOB-SHINING AT THE COURT OF THE SED CHIEF, APPARENTLY HAVE FORGOTTEN."

. "REAGAN HOPES THAT A HISTORIC PACT WITH MOSCOW WILL BE POSSIBLE, LEADING TO THE END OF THE NUCLEAR THREAT. AT THE SAME TIME, HE WANTS THE HELSINKI FINAL DOCUMENT NO LONGER TO BE A WORTHLESS PAPER FOR THE EAST EUROPEANS AND GDR RESIDENTS, AND WANTS THEM TO BE IN A POSITION TO ENJOY HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THAT THE WALL COMES DOWN. TO ACHIEVE THIS HE WANTS TO EXERT ALL HIS STRENGTH. THOSE WHO ARE STILL PREPARED TO ENDORSE THE PLANNED ANTI-REAGAN DEMONSTRATIONS CANNOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY."

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. PRO-SPD VOLKSBLATT IN A PAGE-FOUR COMMENTARY UNDER THE TITLE: "MORE THAN SLOGANS?" SAYS: "GOLDEN WORDS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE EVE OF HIS EUROPEAN TRIP: THE QUEST FOR SECURITY REQUIRES MORE THAN SLOGANS, IT CALLS FOR REAL ACTION AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS...

. "THIS ADMONITION WAS DIRECTED AT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV BUT IT SHOULD ALSO SERVE AS A YARDSTICK FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN'S OWN ACTION. ONE SHOULD ADD TO HIS WORDS: WHAT IS TRUE FOR THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SUPER POWERS AND FOR DISARMAMENT SHOULD ALSO BE TRUE FOR 'PEACE' AT A LOWER LEVEL, I.E. THE RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN, FOR INSTANCE.

. "U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL DELIVER A SPEECH EXACTLY
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AT THAT LOCATION WHERE THE CUTTING EDGE BEGINS AND WHERE THE PARTS ARE SOWN TOGETHER IN BERLIN, AT BRANDENBURG GATE ON JUNE 12. UNLESS ALL SIGNS FAIL, WE MUST EXPECT ON THIS OCCASION DEMACLATORY 'SLOGANS' AGAIN RATHER THAN CONCRETE PROPOSALS. TO START OFF, REAGAN ATTUNED HIMSELF AND THE BERLINERS TO THE EVENT BY URGENTLY CALLING FOR 'CAUTION' REGARDING EFFORTS TOWARD DETENTE, AND BY LAUNCHING A STRONG ATTACK AGAINST THE 'PROVOCATIVE' BEHAVIOR OF THE GDR. HE SAID THE WALL MUST COME DOWN AND REUNIFICATION OF THE FOUR SECTORS OF THE CITY MUST BECOME REALITY.

. "THE LATTER STATEMENT BY THE HIGHEST REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WESTERN ALLY IS CERTAINLY A PLEASURE TO SOME. BUT THOSE, WHO SEE THINGS SOBERLY AND WHO CAN NO LONGER MAKE SENSE OF THE REPETITIOUS LAMENTING OVER BERLIN'S CALAMITIES AND OF THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE SED, LOOK WORRIEDLY ON REAGAN'S PLANNED PERFORMANCE AT THE WALL, BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE USELESSNESS OF STRONG SLOGANS NEEDS COMPLETION: THOSE WHO EXAGGERATE IN VERBAL ATTACKS ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THEIR ENVISAGED GOALS, I.E. THOSE WHO RUN ON WITH TOO MUCH STAMINA AGAINST THE WALL, WHICH SIMPLY CANNOT BE PULLED DOWN, DO NOT RENDER IT MORE BRITTLE, BUT RATHER STABILIZE IT.

. "SINCE THE FIRST HALF OF THE BERLIN ANNIVERSARY YEAR WAS MARKED BY SIGNALS OF DELIMITATION RATHER THAN BY SIGNS OF MUTUALITY, A PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH CALLING FOR DIALOGUE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. REAGAN STILL HAS THE CHANCE TO EMBARRASS HIS CRITICS."

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. THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST IN A PAGE-TWO EDITORIAL SAYS: "SPD STRATEGIST EGON BAHR YESTERDAY STATED THAT GERMAN REUNIFICATION 'IS NO TOPIC FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.' THE BASIC TREATY WITH THE GDR, WHICH HE (|) NEGOTIATED, HAS 'UNLIMITED' VALIDITY, HE SAID....

. "THINGS ARE DIFFERENT WITH VOLKER RUEHE, WHO IS REGARDED AS THE CHANCELLOR'S FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN. IT CAN NOT BE UNDERSTOOD WHAT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED MR.

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RUEHE, IN THE PRESENCE OF BAHR, TO ASSERT THAT THE TOPIC OF REUNIFICATION IS WITHOUT ANY MEANING IN CURRENT POLITICS. AT A MOMENT WHEN, FOR INSTANCE, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BONN AND YESTERDAY ALSO THE U.S. PRESIDENT REPEATEDLY CALL FOR ENDING THE DIVISION OF GERMANY AND BERLIN AND ASSURE US EXPLICITLY OF THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING THE GERMAN QUESTION -- RUEHE'S STATEMENT IS NOTHING BUT A SCANDAL. ADDITIONALLY, IT IS IN OPPOSITION TO ALL GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS BY THE CURRENT CHANCELLOR."

. TABLOID BZ IN A PAGE-TWO EDITORIAL SAYS: "THE WALL MUST COME DOWN, RONALD REAGAN SHOUTS TO THE GERMANS.

. "THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT FEELS: NOW IS THE MOMENT TO GIVE THE GERMANS A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SOLIDARITY.

. "HE STANDS NOT ALONE, EVERYONE IS DISCUSSING REUNIFICATION.

. "WHY? IS THERE REALISTIC HOPE? NOT SO -- BUT MUCH HAS BEGUN TO MOVE IN EUROPE. ONE CAN SENSE THE GERMAN PEOPLE'S WILLINGNESS FOR UNITY, WHICH WILL NOT DIE."

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THE GULF AND U.S.-SOVIET REALTIONS

. THE INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL FRONTPAGES A COMMENTARY BY JOACHIM BOELKE WHO POINTS TO U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION AT THE U.N. REGARDING A RESOLUTION ON THE GULF WAR, AND SAYS: "THE SUBMITTING OF A RESOLUTION HAMMERED OUT IN A COMMON EFFORT BY WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION TOWARD CONTAINING OR EVEN SETTLING A REGIONAL CONFLICT. WASHINGTON HAS ALWAYS REFERRED TO SUCH COOPERATION AS PRECONDITION FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS..."

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U.S.-WEST EUROPEAN DISPUTE OVER AIRBUS

. EAST GERMAN CDU PAPER NEUE ZEIT, DISCUSSING U.S. CRITICISM OF AIRBUS INDUSTRY, ON PAGE FIVE SAYS: "THE CONTESTANTS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE 'POND' MUST REALIZE THAT TODAY THEY CANNOT ACHIEVE MUCH BY THREATS OR EVEN EMBARGOES. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE ABLE TO PREVENT THE PLANNED SHIPMENT OF THREE AIRBUSSES TO LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES BECAUSE ITS ENGINES WERE MADE IN THE U.S., THEY WERE ON THE SHORTER END IN OTHER CASES.

. "ONE OF THOSE DEFEATS IS DESCRIBED IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF 'FLIEGERREVUE' MAGAZINE: 'ACCORDING TO WESTERN NEWS REPORTS, BRITISH AEROSPACE, FRENCH AEROSPATIALE,

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AND AERITALIA DISCOVERED THAT THE SOVIET MARKET OFFERS SIZABLE OPPORTUNITIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING AREA OF REGIONAL AIR SERVICE....

. "THE TRADE WARRIORS IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT WERE AGAIN MISTAKEN. 'THEIR BRITISH COUSINS,' THE FLIEGERREVUE WRITES, 'WERE WARNED AND CLEVER ENOUGH TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN ALTERNATIVE JET ENGINE.... AND BECAUSE IT IS ALSO TAILORED FOR THE (FRENCH) ATR-72, THE U.S. EMBARGO MIGHT BE CIRCUMVENTED ALSO FOR THAT TYPE.

. "MOREOVER, THE U.S. IS AT DISADVANTAGE NOT ONLY WITH REGARD TO TWO PROMISING COMPETITIVE MODELS FROM WESTERN EUROPE, BUT IT EVEN LOST ITS MONOPOLY IN THAT HIGHLY DEMANDED JET ENGINE CATEGORY. THIS REPRESENTS A SEVERE DEFEAT IN AN INDUSTRY WHERE BILLIONS OF PROFIT ARE AT STAKE AND THE 'BATTLEFIELDS ARE PRECISELY MARKED.'"
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